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Peace Prospects--The Central Intelligence Agency in a secret dispatch has quoted a "reliable" source as saying a Vietnam cease-fire can be expected as early as September. The source, according to the CIA, is close to the North Vietnamese delegation in Paris.

Military Aid -- The U.S. has now replaced most of the military hardware that the South Vietnamese Army lost during the first weeks of the North Vietnamese offensive. Military aid has also been rushed to Cambodia to bolster the faltering Cambodian Army.

Congressional Prospects--Despite brave public predictions, GOP congressional leaders don't hold too much hope of winning control of Congress in November. Their private estimate is that they will pick up no more than 20 seats in the House, not enough to take the leadership away from the Democrats. The battle for control of the Senate, however, could be closer. But here, too, the Republicans expect to fall short a seat or two.

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